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Cover: Melburnian of the Year
Dr Bronwyn King AO

LORD MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Lord Mayor Sally Capp at a recent meeting of the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors, where homelessness was a key focus

As we farewell the festive season and welcome 2020, now is the perfect time to reflect on what connects us as a community and how we can create a brighter future for all Melburnians.

As a caring city, our biggest priority is to help people who are experiencing homelessness and currently have little choice but to seek shelter on our streets.

There are many people who want to help, so the City of Melbourne has decided to harness this goodwill and set in motion a project to build more accommodation across inner Melbourne with wrap-around support services for people who are sleeping rough.

Every safe and supported bed will help people find a pathway out of homelessness and into secure accommodation.

Major partners and supporters to date include Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation - one of Melbourne's independent community foundations - corporate giants Lendlease and PwC, philanthropic groups such as Housing All Australians, and homelessness service providers.

We are also working closely with our neighbouring councils, and state and federal governments.

As this project progresses, we will keep you informed and welcome contributions from the community through Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation. We know many Melburnians support us with this initiative, and together we can make a big difference.

This is a major priority for the City of Melbourne. I will be working closely with Deputy Lord Mayor Arron Wood, Councillor Beverley Pinder, our People City portfolio chair, fellow councillors and the

City of Melbourne's management team to deliver this innovative project.

Read on through this edition of *Melbourne* magazine for news on climate adaptation, new city data, cool activities for the summer months and much more.

Until next time, I encourage you to explore our city this summer and share your adventures with **#MelbMoment**

Lord Mayor Sally Capp

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Recent

- Transport Strategy 2030 adopted
- Affordable Housing Strategy endorsed for public consultation
- City River Strategy adopted
- Planning Scheme Amendment to ensure good design in the CBD adopted

Upcoming

- Reconciliation Action Plan endorsed for public consultation
- Queen Victoria Market heritage restoration underway
- Southbank Promenade designs endorsed for public consultation

To find out more about Council business, visit melbourne.vic.gov.au/aboutcouncil

The City of Melbourne respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land, the Boon Wurrung and Woiwurrung (Wurundjeri) peoples of the Kulin Nation and pays respect to their Elders, past and present. For the Kulin Nation, Melbourne has always been an important meeting place for events of social, educational, sporting and cultural significance. Today we are proud to say that Melbourne is a significant gathering place for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



The Melbourne Skyfarm in Docklands, funded in round one of the Urban Forest Fund, will feature edible gardens, water conservation and a learning centre

Photo: Biofilita

HELP US GROW A GREENER MELBOURNE

Transform where you live into a green oasis with grants of up to \$5000 from our Urban Forest Fund. Applications close 31 January.

We created the fund to accelerate greening across our city through partnerships with like-minded people, supporting proposals including tree planting, biodiversity projects, vertical greening and urban agriculture.

The science tells us that climate change will make our city drier and hotter, and the Urban Forest Fund is a great way to take positive action and help prepare for these effects.

Trees, plants and green spaces are critical infrastructure to help to cool urban areas, provide habitat for our unique native animals, stop biodiversity loss, improve people's health and wellbeing, and create a beautiful, liveable city.

What's more, properties on tree-lined streets can be valued up to 30 per cent higher than others.

To date, the Urban Forest Fund has provided more than \$1.2 million in grants to projects on private property. This will help create green spaces for the public to enjoy equivalent to the size of more than 30 tennis courts.

We're now offering a round of smaller Habitat Grants - worth up to \$5000, with dollar-for-dollar matching - perfectly suited to residential owners' corporations seeking to green and cool their space.

WHERE TO START

Find out which plants will attract native birds and support biodiversity at your place by browsing our Urban Nature Planting guide, or get a garden assessment through our Gardens for Wildlife program.

melbourne.vic.gov.au/urbannature

For inspiration, here are four projects funded in round two of the Urban Forest Fund. Many of these initiatives can be achieved on a smaller scale at your place, with the help of a Habitat Grant.

1 Haines Street

This community-led greening project at a North Melbourne apartment building will focus on creating green space where inner-city children can play. It will be delivered by the owners' corporation.

2 Printmakers Lane

This laneway greening project at the University of Melbourne will feature climbing and ground-level plants, passive irrigation and great design, providing shade in a hot, busy student area.

3 Tribeca

This common-property project in East Melbourne will trial an approach to greening dark and windy places. It will include new trees, biodiversity gardens, stormwater reuse, a green façade and more.

4 Victoria Point

This massive green open space on the Marvel Stadium concourse between Southern Cross station and Harbour Esplanade will be delivered by the owners' corporation of a local apartment complex.

Janette Corcoran, one of the leaders of the Victoria Point project, said residents are looking forward to transforming their expanse of concrete into a welcoming, green oasis.

'Victoria Point residents love living in Docklands and we want to see our neighbourhood flourish in ways that nourish and enrich the experience of being here,' Janette said.

'Greening projects have the potential to change the tone of our city - transforming areas that appear hard and uninviting to places where residents, workers and visitors feel they would like to come.

'We intend to really make the most of the support offered by City of Melbourne.'

Visit us online to read about more Urban Forest Fund projects, and plan your application.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
melbourne.vic.gov.au/urbanforestfund

YOUR SAY

LETTER OF THE MONTH

This is a word of thanks and appreciation for your parking permit team. I received friendly and speedy service throughout the process of booking permit parking. It was my first time booking permits and even though your website is clear, your staff helped guide me through the process and helped me out when my delivery dates slipped by a day. Thank you. **Amanda**

Share your thoughts with us at melbournemag@melbourne.vic.gov.au



What fun family activities are on in the city?

For the ultimate guide to awesome events, activities, kid-friendly restaurants, dessert spots, superhero shopping expeditions and more, search What's On Melbourne for the summer edition of our family guide to Melbourne. Or pick up a copy from one of our visitor hubs.

whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au

We welcome this initiative by @cityofmelbourne to help increase #affordablehousing in #MelbCBD. "Melbourne is Australia's fastest growing city so this need is going to get significantly more critical." ~ @SallyCapp_ @LAUNCHHOUSING

We're creating a memorial table outside Pellegrini's in honour of one of the icons of Melbourne's cafe culture. Sisto Malaspina used to sit, chat to people and watch the world go by out the front of his cafe. We hope Melburnians will take the time to do the same at his table. @CITYOFMELBOURNE

The @cityofmelbourne gave 70,000 trees email addresses so people could report on their condition. Then people started writing love letters to the trees and asking them existential questions. @ADAMCORMACK_

Have you explored a @cityofmelbourne Makerspace? If you're the kind who loves learning, crafting, making, digital designing, sewing, coding, music or video production, you should definitely pay these spaces a visit. @KNOWLEDGEMELBOURNE

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PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Although I've lived and worked in the city for more than six years, Melbourne is so full of contrasts that I never tire of photographing it. Tree-lined streets, beautiful architecture, bluestone laneways and prolific street art mean an ever-changing kaleidoscope of subjects to choose from.

The distinct seasons we experience are one of the great things about taking interesting photos. Melbourne looks beautiful in all her moods. After the cool winter months, nothing compares to walking along the Yarra River and enjoying the summer sunshine, and the changing colours of the sky as the sun goes down.

My top tip for photography is to choose a subject that you find inspiring and try capturing it at different times of the day, and in all weather. The light makes such a big difference, so take advantage of the long summer twilights we are blessed with in this wonderful city.

Nanette White
@NANETTEWHITE

Share your Melbourne moments on Instagram with the hashtag #MelbMoment

SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS OPENING SOON

Does your small business idea need a boost? Applications for funding will open in mid-February for small businesses and business events located in, or committed to establishing themselves within, the City of Melbourne. They will close mid-March.

melbourne.vic.gov.au/businessfunding

FREE PROMOTION FOR SUSTAINABLE BUSINESSES AND EVENTS

We're keen to spread the word about sustainable businesses and events through our social media and other online channels. Whether you sell locally-made clothes, run a fair-trade festival or offer discounts for people with reusable coffee cups, we'd love to hear from you.

melbourne.vic.gov.au/marketing-support

Our Transport Strategy 2030 will make Melbourne more cycle-friendly

TRANSPORT STRATEGY PROMOTES PEDAL POWER

Dust off your trusty two-wheeler – Melbourne is set to become Australia’s leading cycling city by 2030.

Our newly-endorsed Transport Strategy 2030 sets out our 10-year vision for transport in our rapidly-growing city.

The strategy focuses on creating space for pedestrians and cyclists, and will provide an \$870 million boost to Victoria over 10 years, according to an independent report by Deloitte Access Economics.

As part of the Transport Strategy, we will deliver an additional 50km of new protected bike lanes, and work with the Victorian Government to create a further 40km of them on state-owned roads.

Craig Richards, CEO of Bicycle Network, said bike-riding contributes to robust physical and mental health, and he envisions a city where more people embrace this quick, efficient mode of transport as part of everyday life.

‘The new strategy is boldly forward-looking, recognising that change is accelerating and that the city needs to get ahead of the wave and ensure that our renowned liveability carries forward into the future,’ Craig said.

‘The emphasis on getting people around efficiently with great public transport, bike facilities and an enticing, walkable urban environment is just what Melbourne needs.

‘Just about everyone had a bike in their youth and they had some of the happiest times of their life when using it – independent travel,

exploration of the world around them, meeting new people – it was exhilarating and no-one worried about whether they were fit or fast.

‘Melbourne can tap into those memories by rolling out attractive and stress-free infrastructure that encourages people to use active travel to connect with their work, activities, and friends. They’ll be happier for it.’

Beyond cycling, here is what we will deliver under the Transport Strategy over the next decade.

- 1 Repurpose the equivalent of more than six MCGs worth of public road space and parking spaces to create more space for pedestrians, cyclists, greening and trading.
- 2 Reduce through traffic in the busiest parts of the central city
- 3 Convert ‘little streets’ into pedestrian-priority shared zones
- 4 Work with the Victorian Government to deliver world-class, welcoming and safe public spaces around our central city stations
- 5 Deliver 300 additional motorcycle parking bays on streets as alternatives to parking on footpaths
- 6 Maintain access for essential car trips, especially for people with a disability, trade, service and emergency vehicles
- 7 Work with the Victorian Government to deliver safer 40 km/h speed limits throughout inner Melbourne

Councillor Nicolas Frances Gilley, Chair of the Transport portfolio, said the Transport Strategy 2030 is the result of a two-year process of engagement with the community, transport experts and Victorian Government.

‘We have thought very carefully about the kind of Melbourne we want and need in order to boost prosperity and efficiency but also to be a place for people to meet, dine outdoors, shop and have space to enjoy everything our city is famous for,’ Cr Frances Gilley said.

‘As a result we have a robust plan that will deliver significant community benefits and realise our ambition for an even more beautiful, safe and welcoming world-class city.’

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE GREEN WAVE?

Cycle along Albert Street during peak times at a comfortable speed of 20 to 25 km/h and you’ll get every green light between Lansdowne and Hoddle streets – it’s a great feeling!

The Green Wave will make your ride into the city 53 seconds faster, without affecting travel times for motorists. We aim to create more Green Waves for bikes in our city, so keep an eye out.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/transportstrategy

BEACONS BOOST CITY ACCESS

People with low vision or blindness can receive audio messages about potential obstacles in the central city thanks to new beacons along Bourke and Swanston streets.

We commissioned Guide Dogs Victoria to develop this project, which builds on the capabilities of the popular BlindSquare app to offer users more information about their surroundings.

The technology uses GPS and Bluetooth technology in the user's phone to access messages from nearby beacons about intersections, public transport, construction work and bollards and more.

It is designed to complement other mobility aids such as a cane or guide dog.

Councillor Beverley Pinder, Chair of the People City portfolio, said this is the first major rollout of beacon technology in our public realm.

'Melbourne is growing, and as our city changes it's vital that we support people living with low vision, blindness or other

disabilities to remain confident and independent getting around,' Cr Pinder said.

'We're embracing new ways of communicating with residents and visitors to ensure everyone has an equal opportunity to experience everything our wonderful city has to offer.'

'Melbourne is growing, and as our city changes it's vital that we support people living with low vision, blindness or other disabilities to remain confident and independent getting around.'

New physical and virtual beacons have been placed at key locations, including major intersections, Melbourne Town Hall, City Library, Ross House and the Degraves Street underpass.

Councillor Philip Le Liu, Chair of the International Engagement portfolio, said the beacons will offer messages in 25 different languages.

'This is a fantastic tool that will provide invaluable support to people with low vision, whether they are residents who speak a language other than English, or among the almost three million international tourists who visit Melbourne each year,' Cr Le Liu said.

'We're embracing new ways of communicating with residents and visitors to ensure everyone has an equal opportunity to experience everything our wonderful city has to offer.'

Ongoing user testing is helping us improve and analyse the system. As beacon technology improves, we hope to use it in more areas of the city.



We're using emerging technology to help protect people from heat

SMART TECH SEEKS THE SHADE

Move through the city in comfort thanks to microclimate sensors, urban greening and the new Cool Routes tool, now under development.

These projects are just some of the ways we're working to build our city's resilience to climate change, and protect people, businesses and infrastructure as heat events become more frequent.

Our new microclimate sensors capture temperature, humidity, wind, and air quality data to help us understand ways we can make public spaces more comfortable.

We're also mapping the municipality for the pilot Cool Routes tool, which will use data and emerging technology to help people plan safe and comfortable journeys through the city.

Cool Routes will also allow us to share heat health information with users, and demonstrate the benefits of urban greening.

HEAT HEALTH TIPS

Head to our website to find the locations of drinking fountains, water play areas and cool places across town this summer. For a cool treat, browse the What's On Melbourne blog for our city's best gelato.

During extreme heat we offer people sleeping rough free pool passes and movie tickets as part of our Heatwave Response Plan.

Please look after each other in hot weather. If someone needs emergency assistance, call 000.



John-Ross Barresi from Guide Dogs Victoria with Natale Cutri, who is testing the beacon technology



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT melbourne.vic.gov.au/gettingaround



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT melbourne.vic.gov.au/summersense

NEW STATS SHOWCASE CITY GROWTH

Discover a fascinating portrait of a changing Melbourne through brand new data.

Over the past decade, the City of Melbourne has become an increasingly popular place to live, work and visit, and our economy has soared to more than \$100 billion, growing by five per cent in 2018.

Furthermore, the latest Australian Night Time Economy Report shows our world-class entertainment and dining has pushed the value of the city's night time economy to more than \$3.5 billion.

Councillor Kevin Louey, Chair of the Prosperous City portfolio, said the growth of Melbourne's night time economy is a source of pride for the city.

'Our night time economy continues to move from strength to strength, and we've been working hard with businesses and the community to activate Melbourne at night,' Cr Louey said.

'The transformation of Melbourne from the early 1990s to 2019 is incredible and a testament to the entrepreneurial spirit of our large and small business communities.'

Here are five highlights from our newly-released Census of Land Use and Employment 2018.

- 1 Jobs increased by 25,700 since 2016, reaching 479,200 jobs across 16,800 businesses
- 2 Residential dwellings increased by 34,670 since 2008, to 83,080 homes; this includes an additional 12,630 in the central business district, which is greater than the total number of dwellings in the City of Adelaide
- 3 Cafes and restaurants increased by 44 per cent since 2008, to 2390 businesses with 195,000 seats
- 4 Residential floor space grew to surpass office space by almost two million square metres – by contrast, office space was ahead by 140,000 square metres in 2008
- 5 Business services, finance and insurance, and health care and social assistance were the top employment industries and accounted for more than half of the job growth in the past decade

DID YOU KNOW

We collect Census of Land Use and Employment data over a two-year period through face-to-face interviews with every business across the municipality, to capture key trends.

This research has been conducted since the 1960s.

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'The transformation of Melbourne from the early 1990s to 2019 is incredible and a testament to the entrepreneurial spirit of our large and small business communities.'

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melbourne.vic.gov.au/clue



Our city's economy has soared, according to new data



Photo: Arsinah Houspian

Dr Bronwyn King AO's organisation has worked to make \$1.5 trillion of Australians' superannuation tobacco-free

CITY OF WELLBEING

TOBACCO-FREE CRUSADER NAMED MELBURNIAN OF THE YEAR

When oncologist Dr Bronwyn King AO discovered that some of her superannuation was being invested in the tobacco industry through the default option of her fund, she set out to create change.

As a doctor treating patients suffering from lung cancer – and having watched people die from tobacco-related disease – Bronwyn could not accept this unwitting investment.

In just a few years, she has worked tirelessly with her organisation, Tobacco Free Portfolios, to stop \$1.5 trillion of Australians' money from being invested in the global production of cigarettes.

We have recognised Bronwyn's dedicated achievements by naming her Melburnian of the Year – a title that honours inspirational role models who have made outstanding contributions to our city.

Bronwyn's passion for all aspects of Melbourne life is palpable – sparked by numerous childhood outings with her grandmother, an enthusiastic city-explorer. The city is also the centre of Bronwyn's tobacco-free crusade.

'The work started right here in Melbourne. Now there are more than 45 Australian superannuation funds that have implemented tobacco-free investment policies and those super funds control \$1.5 trillion dollars,' Bronwyn said.

'This has made for a great case study that we share all across the world. Now our work has had an impact in 20 countries.'

Without any previous experience in finance, Bronwyn started from scratch, learning everything she could from supportive senior leaders in the sector, who also helped her extend her network in Australia and beyond.

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Tobacco Free Portfolios now has more than 120 signatories to its flagship initiative, the Tobacco-Free Finance Pledge, including some of the world's biggest banks and insurance agencies.

Collectively, these organisations control more than US\$8 trillion.

'Even though there is a long way to go, all this has shown us what's possible. We know with hard work and a lot of energy we can definitely increase those numbers in the coming years,' Bronwyn said.

'Even when it seems things are moving very slowly, or that there are a lot of challenges or barriers in front of me, I like to think that the work I am doing can add up to big change, and make the world a little better.'

At the City of Melbourne, we are also committed to reducing the impact of tobacco products in our community, and recently announced a new outdoor smoke-free area in Bourke Street.

The new smoke-free area between Elizabeth Street and Russell Place, which includes Bourke Street Mall, is part of our commitment to protect people from passive smoking and to create a healthy environment for the mall's 60,000 daily visitors.

The ban follows extensive consultation with more than 3000 people and 160 businesses, where 83 per cent of respondents supported Bourke Street becoming smoke-free.

What's more, the majority of smokers were not only open to the ban – two out of five told us the smoke-free area would encourage them to quit.

We're also working with stakeholders including Quit Victoria to support anyone who wants to quit or cut back, and engaging with local universities to help students understand the changes and make healthy choices.

FAST FACTS

- Every year, about 4000 Victorians die from smoking-related illnesses. Our economy also loses more than \$2 billion through healthcare costs and lost productivity.
- As well as Bourke Street, there are 10 more smoke-free areas within the municipality, including laneways and running tracks. Smoking is also banned in outdoor dining areas when food is available for consumption under Victorian Government legislation.
- The fine for smoking in a smoke-free area is \$100. People found littering cigarette butts anywhere in the city face heavier fines: \$330 for an unlit butt and \$660 for a lit butt.

Find out more at participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/smokefree

Bronwyn said initiatives like the Bourke Street smoke-free area can send a big message.

‘Melbourne is acknowledged globally as a leading city when it comes to implementing innovative tobacco control strategies and, as a result, we now have one of the lowest smoking rates in the world,’ Bronwyn said.

‘I think that we need to remember that those smoking rates don’t come down by accident.

‘They come down because we have had bold leaders who’ve been willing to take that next step and deliberately try to change the culture to make tobacco-free the expected standard in the community.’

Looking to the future, Bronwyn’s vision is for Melbourne to be the first major city in the world with a smoking rate below five per cent. It is currently sitting at about 10 per cent.

While there is a long way to go, Bronwyn believes that change is possible, and that we know how to achieve it.

‘We need to put the resources towards new initiatives and advertising campaigns to make sure young people really know what tobacco can do to you,’ Bronwyn said.

‘We need to encourage bold and innovative ideas from the whole community, including young people, including community groups, including schools, and including government at all levels.

‘Having two young children – I want them to grow up in a city where breathing fresh air all the time is normal and sets them up for a really healthy life.’

To find out more about Bronwyn’s work, and how you can help, visit tobaccofreeportfolios.org

 **FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT**
melbourne.vic.gov.au/melbourneawards

MELBOURNE AWARD WINNERS

Meet the winners of the 2019 Melbourne Awards – extraordinary people who dedicate their time and energy to make Melbourne a world-leading city.

Aboriginal Melbourne

Birraranga Film Festival and Blak Masterclasses

Arts and Events

Midsumma Festival

Community

HoMie

Environment

Southbank Sustainability Group

Health and Wellbeing

Royal Children’s Hospital National Child Health Poll

Hospitality

Arbory Afloat

Urban Design

Carlton Primary School and Early Years and Family Services Centre



Photo: Arsinah Houspian

As an oncologist, Bronwyn could not accept her unwitting investment in the production of cigarettes



Deputy Lord Mayor Arron Wood with Dr Bronwyn King AO, her husband Dr Mark Shaw, their two sons, and Lord Mayor Sally Capp

EVENTS CALENDAR

A FEW OF OUR FAVOURITE THINGS



Find more great events like these at whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au



MAR

21-29

Cultural Diversity Week

10 TO 19 JANUARY

VIDA LATIN SUMMER FESTIVAL

Kick back in a massive beer garden for two weekends of art, music and cuisine at Tom's Block in Kings Domain.

11 TO 25 JANUARY

SCRAPATORIUM EXHIBITION

Peek into tiny realms or lead the way through a dreamlike fortress at ArtPlay. For kids aged 3 to 12.

11 TO 25 JANUARY

SKATEBOARD DECK ART

Paint a skateboard using stencils, spray cans and sharpies at ArtPlay. For kids aged 7 to 12. Bookings essential.

11 TO 19 JANUARY

NGV KIDS SUMMER FESTIVAL

Channel your creativity with free activities, workshops, performances and interactive installations at the NGV.

12 JANUARY TO 7 MARCH

HATHA YOGA

Relax with our free yoga sessions on Saturdays at Buluk Park and Sundays at Boyd Park from 9am to 10am.

14 JANUARY

FIRST AID WORKSHOP AND KIDS' ACTIVITY DAY

Learn first aid basics for free at Kensington Town Hall, with kids encouraged to bring a teddy. Followed by an afternoon of fun.

15 AND 17 JANUARY

SIGNAL AT MPAVILION

See artwork by young people at the Little Art Fair on the 15th, and a freestyle dance battle on the 17th. Free.

19 JANUARY TO 9 FEBRUARY

MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL

Victoria's premier LGBTQIA+ arts and cultural festival will begin with a carnival at Alexandra Gardens.

22 JANUARY TO 24 JANUARY

COLOURFUL KITES

Make a kite and decorate it with tassels, string, streamers and more at ArtPlay. For kids aged 7 to 12.

24 JANUARY

SIGNAL SUMMER SHOWCASE

Enjoy fashion, theatre, sound, film and illustration created by people aged 13 to 25. From 7pm. All welcome.

24 JANUARY TO 9 FEBRUARY

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Find vibrant events in Chinatown, Docklands and beyond, including the Fusion Festival at Queen Victoria Market on 26 January.

26 JANUARY

AUSTRALIA DAY

Watch the parade down Swanston Street to Kings Domain, and don't forget the fireworks in Docklands at 9pm.

1 FEBRUARY

OPERA FOR THE PEOPLE

Hear opera stars perform for free at Sidney Myer Music Bowl. Dame Edna Everage will be a special guest.

1 FEBRUARY AND 3 MARCH

SOW GROW GRAZE

Try out a Composting and Worm Farming for Beginners or Preparing Your Winter Veggie Patch workshop at Kathleen Syme Library and Community Centre.

1 TO 29 FEBRUARY

SUSTAINABLE LIVING FESTIVAL

Learn how to live cleaner, smarter and healthier through a huge program of art, film, forums and exhibits.

15 TO 22 FEBRUARY

NORTHSIDE SUMMER FESTIVAL

A big community block party will kick off a week of food and fun. At various locations in North and West Melbourne.

FROM FEBRUARY 17

CARLTON COMMUNITY MORNING TEA

Meet your neighbours over a cuppa, scones and live ukulele music. On the third Monday of the month at Kathleen Syme Library and Community Centre.

20 TO 29 FEBRUARY

WHAT IS CHINESE?

Shanghai artists Xiao Ke and Zi Han asked this question of Chinese people across the world to create this work. See it at Arts House.

23 FEBRUARY

JAPANESE SUMMER FESTIVAL

Discover Taiko drumming and Okinawan folk music at Federation Square, and try to win tickets to Tokyo.

26 TO 29 FEBRUARY

ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE LAW INTO YOUR OWN HANDS?

See a neon-drenched action adventure musical at Arts House, set to 40 years of Filipino pop.

28 FEBRUARY

MYTHOLOGIES

Experience art by diverse Indonesian-Australian creatives at the launch of Young Creatives Lab artist Komang Rosie Clynes' EP at Signal.



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Opera for the People

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Kensington Community Festival

28 FEBRUARY TO 1 MARCH

OBANG

Experience a Korean grandmother's daily life through puppetry and immersive play. For babies aged 6 to 18 months, at ArtPlay.

28 FEBRUARY TO 1 MARCH

SALAMFEST SUFI FESTIVAL

See Abida Parveen perform a rare concert outside of Pakistan amid this celebration of Muslim culture at various locations.

29 FEBRUARY TO 1 MARCH

LONSDALE STREET GREEK FESTIVAL

Enjoy a weekend of Greek-flavoured fun, including food, rides and activities. Between Swanston and Exhibition streets.

4 TO 14 MARCH

VIRGIN AUSTRALIA MELBOURNE FASHION FESTIVAL

Choose from a curated program of runways, workshops and entertainment at the Royal Exhibition Building and surrounds.

7 TO 8 MARCH

TURKISH PAZAR FESTIVAL

Treat your tastebuds to Turkish street food, alongside a day of music, dance and culture at Queen Victoria Market.

19 TO 22 MARCH

LIGHT UP MELBOURNE FESTIVAL

See larger-than-life lanterns, arts, crafts, amusements and food at Birrarung Marr.

19 TO 29 MARCH

MELBOURNE FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL

Take a gastronomic adventure at this year's new festival hub at Queen Victoria Market, which includes a Sichaun Snack Fair, spaghetti feast and more.

6 TO 9 MARCH

MOOMBA

Release your inner adrenaline junkie on the carnival rides, see world-class water skiers, catch the wacky Birdman Rally, have a go on the skate park, and much more.

UNTIL 11 MARCH

SUMMER NIGHT MARKET

Enjoy street food, shopping and free entertainment, then relax at the Gin Springs Bar or play volleyball. Excludes Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

21 TO 29 MARCH

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK

Celebrate multiculturalism at events across the city, including a packed program at Queen Victoria Market.

29 MARCH

MELBOURNE BOOK MARKET

Peruse a curated collection of more than 5,000 new and pre-loved titles, plus quality second-hand vinyl.

29 MARCH

KENSINGTON COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Head to JJ Holland Park for live music, delicious food, stalls and an expo of local sustainability projects.

UNTIL 28 JUNE

SUNDAY LOUNGE

Meet your neighbours over live acoustic music on a Sunday each month at Kathleen Syme Library and Community Centre. Check dates online.



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SPORT

20 JANUARY TO 2 FEBRUARY

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Catch the world's best tennis stars at Melbourne Park and enjoy live music, food and activities at Federation Square and Birrarung Marr.



Australian Open

9 FEBRUARY

RIDE MELBOURNE

Ride the circuit with the whole family just hours before the pros during the Jayco Herald Sun Tour. Then soak up the festival atmosphere at the Royal Botanic Gardens.

12 TO 15 MARCH

GRAND PRIX

Rub shoulders with motorsport legends as drivers, teams and fans flock to Melbourne. Keep an eye on our website for information about free events.

PLAN AHEAD TO ARRIVE ON TIME

Take a moment to consider how you will travel into the city, in case construction works delay your journey. bigbuild.vic.gov.au/disruptions

CALLING LOCAL CLIMATE CHANGE CHAMPIONS

Join us in taking bold and urgent action on climate change in 2020. From significantly reducing our greenhouse gas emissions to creating recycled roads, we are hard at work, and you can help.

Our vision is for Melbourne to be a sustainable city, powered by renewable energy, and we have invested more than \$17 million towards this goal since 2015.

Council operations are now powered by 100 per cent renewable electricity, thanks to the Melbourne Renewable Energy Project wind farm, and we're helping city businesses and events follow suit.

Our latest emissions data shows this work is having a significant impact, even after only six months of renewable electricity supply.

We have also upgraded 11,816 street lights and installed 556 kW of solar panels thanks to a Clean Energy Finance Corporation loan. Each year, this saves us \$1 million and reduces our emissions by thousands of tonnes.

Last financial year, Council's total greenhouse gas emissions decreased by 34 per cent, far exceeding our 4.5 per cent per annum target and our commitment to the Paris Climate Change Agreement.

WHAT IS THE MELBOURNE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT?

In an Australian-first, a group of local governments, cultural institutions, universities and corporations combined their purchasing power to support the construction of an 80-megawatt, 39-turbine wind farm.

Owned and operated by local clean-energy company Pacific Hydro, the wind farm in Crowlands, near Ararat, is now supplying energy to power town halls, banks, universities and street lights across Melbourne.

Building on the success and insights of this project, we are working towards a second power purchase agreement for more city businesses. Find out more at melbourne.vic.gov.au/mrep

Looking to the future, we will continue to work to reduce emissions in our supply chain and events, and work with partners to drive the transition to a carbon neutral city.

We are investing in our urban forests, green buildings, waste innovation and pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, with a focus on wellbeing as well as economic, social and environmental benefits.

Our flagship events Melbourne Fashion Week, Melbourne Music Week and Melbourne Knowledge Week have been certified carbon neutral by Climate Active for two years running.

Waste will continue to be a key focus, as we chart a path through the recycling crisis towards long-term sustainable solutions and support eco-conscious businesses through initiatives like our Waste Innovation Fund.

Despite our achievements, this is a work in progress and we have a long way to go.

Councillor Cathy Oke, Chair of the Environment portfolio, said Council will continue to lead and call for ambitious and rapid climate change action among residents, businesses, investors and all levels of government.



Photo: Pacific Hydro Australia

This wind farm powers 100 per cent of Council operations



Our flagship events, such as Melbourne Music Week, are certified carbon neutral

Photo: Kane Hibberd – Sunshine and Disco Faith Choir with Kubik

‘We declared a climate and biodiversity emergency, alongside over 1000 other jurisdictions worldwide, acknowledging the need to accelerate the urgent actions that need to happen,’ Cr Oke said.

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‘We will advocate for Victorian and Australian government action to deliver 100 per cent renewable energy to our city and to increase the ambition of Australia’s climate policy.

‘This includes advocating for Melbourne’s public transport to be efficient and powered by 100 per cent renewable energy.’

FIVE WAYS TO TAKE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

According to research by Sustainability Victoria, 80 per cent of Victorians are willing to take action on climate change. It’s a team effort, and everyone can make a difference.

Here are five powerful New Year’s resolutions you can make for 2020.

- 1** Purchase 100 per cent GreenPower for your home or business. Visit greenpower.gov.au
- 2** Switch your superannuation to a provider that has divested from fossil fuel. Learn more at marketforces.org.au
- 3** Commit to reducing meat in your diet and source your food locally.
- 4** Join the CitySwitch Green Office program to take action at work. Get started at cityswitch.net.au
- 5** Attend the Sustainable Living Festival in February and learn more about your own impact. View the program at slf2020.org.au



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
melbourne.vic.gov.au/climateaction



We make roads from recycled plastic

PAVING THE WAY TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Next time you travel along Flinders Street, between Exhibition and Spring streets, take a moment to consider that the asphalt beneath your feet contains household waste.

We’re resurfacing five iconic city streets with 50 per cent recycled plastic – an example of how we can work towards building a circular economy.

A circular economy is a system that eliminates waste through the continual reuse of resources. This can reduce pressure on the environment, stimulate innovation and boost economic growth.

By contrast, the traditional linear economy has a ‘take, make and dispose’ model, where value is created by producing and selling as many products as possible.

Deputy Lord Mayor Arron Wood said the City of Melbourne uses 10,000 tonnes of asphalt and collects 11,000 tonnes of residential recycling each year.

‘Using a mix of plastic to resurface our streets is one way we can create demand for recycling and reduce landfill,’ Cr Wood said.

‘By using recycled plastic and other recycled materials on our roads we’re creating more sustainable infrastructure and showing there are local markets for recycled materials.

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‘This trial will help us understand whether it’s possible to use plastic we collect from households in more of our major projects.’



Our business missions help local entrepreneurs make global connections

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS SPARK BUSINESS SUCCESS

Watch out for Melbourne businesses on the world stage after our mission to China and Japan this year.

We deliver regular international business missions to build prosperity in Melbourne and ensure it remains a leading global city.

The missions have helped Melbourne businesses achieve international commercial success.

Dr Ross Macdonald – CEO of ASX-listed stem cell and regenerative medicine company Cynata – has taken part in two business missions.

Cynata uses game-changing technology to address many of the challenges of manufacturing mesenchymal stem cells – which have vast therapeutic potential – at commercial scale, from a single blood donation.

After the first mission, Cynata announced that it had completed a \$3.97 million license option agreement with Japanese company Fujifilm for an exclusive, worldwide licence to market and sell its lead product.

After the second mission, Sumitomo Dainippon Pharma announced it proposed a \$200 million acquisition of Cynata. However, the parties later withdrew from takeover discussions.

Ross said taking part in the business missions helped him gain a better understanding of the biotech and

pharmaceuticals market dynamics and operations, and the itineraries allowed enough time for meaningful engagement.

‘The kudos that came with being part of an official City of Melbourne mission was extremely helpful to ensure high-level engagement among our audience,’ Ross said.

‘Our vision is to see Cynata’s technologies making a positive impact on human health worldwide through the development of innovative and effective medical treatments.’

The Business Mission 2020 will run from 22 to 31 March and will visit several cities in China and Japan, with tailored business-matching activities and a concurrent civic mission led by Lord Mayor Sally Capp.

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The mission also coincides with the 40 year anniversary of our sister-city relationship with Tianjin in China, which will be marked with a celebration at the conclusion of the mission.

Councillor Kevin Louey, Chair of the Prosperous City portfolio, said learning from other countries helps Melbourne maintain its competitive edge, and enhances its prosperity and innovation.

‘Through this year’s business mission, we are looking forward to showcasing local innovation in the liveability, health, startups and innovation, retail and creative sectors,’ Cr Louey said.

‘I wish this year’s participants all the best as they build global connections to expand their businesses.’

ARE YOU A BUSINESS OWNER?

Would you like to grow your business, or showcase it on the world stage? Visit us online to find out more about missions, grants and other ways we can help you elevate your business.

To enquire about the business mission, phone Frances Fu on 9658 9643 or email frances.fu@melbourne.vic.gov.au

 **FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT melbourne.vic.gov.au/melbmission**

ARTISTS EXPLORE BRIGHT IDEAS AT ARTPLAY

Bring your next artistic project to life with children through ArtPlay's New Ideas Lab. Expressions of interest open on Monday 17 February, and kids will help us select the successful applicants.

Daniele Poidomani from Memetica, a creator of giant puppets and installations, realised his first project fully-designed for children through last year's New Ideas Lab.

Air Camp invites kids to design and create illuminated, inflatable sculptures from recycled tents and hide inside them while audiences ask questions about their designs, and the philosophies behind them.

The experience lets children's imaginations run free as they experiment with engineering and art, and touches on themes of sustainability and waste.

'Children were quite excited about the anonymity the tents provided, and some took on a performing persona,' Daniele said.

'Some changed their voices and others started creating characters related to the themes they were discussing, introducing themselves to the audience by other names.'

Daniele said he enjoyed the whole process of the New Ideas Lab, especially enabling children to freely express their ideas about the world, amid a playful environment. He strongly encourages other artists to apply.

'The dedication and focus the whole of ArtPlay's team put on the children's experience is inspiring and quite rare to find,' Daniele said.

'I'm sure this is one of the best available opportunities, and the best resourced environment, to discover how to work with and for children.'

'Don't be discouraged if you aren't sure how to implement your idea. The New Ideas Lab is about exploring ideas and ArtPlay will help you find the best possible way to produce your project.'

Watch Air Camp in action on ArtPlay's YouTube channel.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
melbourne.vic.gov.au/artplayEOI



Air Camp invites kids to create inflatable sculptures

NEW TOOLS FOR A GOOD NIGHT OUT

Make your event or venue safe and inclusive for everyone using our new gender safety and audit tools.

These checklists and guides help facility managers and event organisers address safety and security risks, and consider the needs of all people, particularly women and girls.

We have also funded a pilot of the Good Night Out program at venues including The Toff in Town and 170 Russell to help them prevent and manage sexual harassment and assault.

Taryn Walton, Live Music and Events Manager at 170 Russell, said the training empowered staff with the skills to respond to incidents of this kind.

'My vision is for live music venues and clubs in Melbourne to one day be free from sexual harassment and assault and, with programs like this in place, we are well on the way to making this happen,' Taryn said.

'We hope people will feel more comfortable reporting incidents to staff, knowing we will deal with it in a compassionate and discreet manner.'

'Over time, offenders will know that our venue does not tolerate this kind of behaviour and that we offer a safe place for patrons to come and enjoy. It is so important for venues to be proactive in this area.'

Gender equality and the prevention of violence against women and children is a priority of our Council Plan. Visit our website to find out more and access the new gender safety tools.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
melbourne.vic.gov.au/genderequality



Popular venues are taking action on gender equality

HALF-PIPE HERO INSPIRES LOCAL ATHLETES



Award-winning skateboarder Hayley Wilson with a young fan

Learn to skate, don your cricket whites or kick a goal in 2020 as we strive to make sport and recreation more accessible for all genders and all people.

We are upgrading our sports pavilions to make them more inclusive, comfortable, safe and fit-for-purpose.

This work includes an \$800,000 investment in designs for the renewal of the Brens, Ryder and Western Oval sporting pavilions in Royal Park, and gender-neutral bathrooms at the Princes Park Southern Pavilion.

All of our sporting clubs - including Kensington City Soccer Club, Youlden Parkville Cricket Club and Docklands Sports Club - are also working hard to increase participation in sport, especially among women and girls.

DID YOU KNOW

We have 375 community teams using our sporting facilities each week. This includes 90 teams made up of women and girls.

Local skateboarder Hayley Wilson was recently chosen for the Sport Australia Hall of Fame 2020 Scholarship and Mentoring Program and has her sights set on the Tokyo Olympics.

She trains at Riverside Skate Park on Boathouse Drive, where we offer regular skate clinics for young women.

'I go to Riverside pretty much every day that I'm in Melbourne,' Hayley said.

'I love how close it is to the city so it is easily accessible from most places and from public transport. I really like that it is an open park so more people can skate at any one time.

'It is important to have clinics for girls and women because it is pretty frightening starting a sport that is very male-dominated. The clinics make them feel more comfortable.'

GET INVOLVED

Join our Go Girls skate program at Riverside Skate Park this January, or drop by to enjoy the Skate Park Leagues competition on 12 January, or the Skate Club Fun Day on 25 January. Find out more at skatepark.ymca.org.au

Visit us online to explore local clubs and ways to stay active.

 **FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT melbourne.vic.gov.au/activemelbourne**

FIVE TOP PLAYGROUNDS

Swoosh down slides, splash in fountains and get back to nature as you explore our city's top playgrounds this summer. We have more than 30 to choose from, so there is plenty to keep kids busy.

Play is an essential way for children to learn and grow, and we aim to provide plenty of opportunities for our city's youngest residents to run free, especially amid our increasingly high-density, screen-focused lives.

In Kensington, we're creating a new, improved, sustainably designed play-space in JJ Holland Park, based on community feedback. The existing play equipment will be donated to a community in Sri Lanka through Rotary.

While this work is underway, here are five more local playground locations to discover.

- 1 Royal Park, Parkville**
Explore the climbing forest and cool off under the fountains at this award-winning nature play area.
- 2 Bayswater Road Reserve, Kensington**
Rubber pathways for wheelchairs make this playground accessible for all.
- 3 Lincoln Square, Carlton**
Keep an eye out for the new multi-level, treehouse-inspired playground being built in 2020.
- 4 Ron Barassi Senior Park, Docklands**
Take on the rocket ship slide and rope bridges at this brand new playground under the Bolte Bridge.
- 5 Fawkner Park, South Yarra**
Find a sandpit, musical steps and a sensory garden in the toddler play-space.

 **FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT melbourne.vic.gov.au/playgrounds**



The Royal Park nature play area was named Australia's best public play-space



Keep cool at our pools during warmer weather

DIVE INTO 10 SPLASHY SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Join a poolside pride party, jump on giant inflatables and dig for icy dinosaurs this summer.

We host lots of fun, water-based activities for the whole family at our pools and parks during the hottest months of the year. Here are 10 of the best for 2020.

- 1 Inflatable Fridays**
3 to 24 January
Bring family and friends to slip and slide on our giant inflatable at North Melbourne pool. This fun activity is included with your pool entry fee. On Fridays from 10am to 12pm.
- 2 Summer swim intensive**
6 to 24 January
Enrol your child in one of three fun, five-day programs of swimming lessons, including survival and rescue skills, to make sure they are safe and confident around water. At North Melbourne pool.
- 3 Mini Maestros**
6 to 27 January
Introduce your child to musical concepts like beat and rhythm in this four-week program at North Melbourne Recreation Centre, before taking a dip in the pool.

Join the fun on Mondays from 10.15am to 10.55am (ages two to three) and 11am to 11.45am (ages three to five).
- 4 Storytime**
9 to 30 January
Share the wonder of books with your children aged three to five by the North Melbourne pool. Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and activities, then have a swim every Thursday from 10.30am to 11.15am.
- 5 Live entertainment**
11 January to 15 February
Stretch out on the hill to listen to live music at North Melbourne pool on Saturdays from 1pm to 4pm. There'll also be barbecues, a giant inflatable and other fun activities.
- 6 Make a splash fun day**
11 January
Enjoy a jumping castle, face-painting and inflatable toys at Kensington Community Recreation Centre from 1pm to 4pm. Free for Swim School members, or casual entry prices apply.
- 7 Summer splash water-play**
6 February and 5 March
Keep the little ones active and cool with fun water-play sessions on the front deck at Kathleen Syme Library and Community Centre. Expect buckets and spades, sand, icy dinosaur digs and lots more from 10.30am to 12pm.

- 8 Queer soiree**
9 February
Celebrate the end of Midsumma Festival at this drug and alcohol free pool party for people aged 18 and over at Carlton Baths from 5pm to 8pm. There'll be live music, group fitness and poolside stalls run by queer and transgender support services, plus a basketball match between staff and the Bushrangers, Victoria's first LGBTQIA+ team.
- 9 Sunday at the Baths**
Until 23 February
Keep cool during the hottest time of the year at the historic Carlton Baths. This event includes live music, giant inflatables and other fun activities every Sunday from 1pm.
- 10 Water workout**
Year-round
Join a low impact fitness class in the pool at Melbourne City Baths. Then bliss out in the spa or sauna. Visit us online to view the full group fitness timetables for all our recreation centres.

Please note that some of these activities may be weather dependent. Contact the recreation centres directly for updates, or look them up on social media.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
[melbourne.vic.gov.au/
recreationcentres](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/recreationcentres)

LOCAL LEGENDS FLY OR FLOP AT MOOMBA



Michael Paul is a Birdman devotee

See splashes, spills and thrills as everyday Melburnians attempt to soar across the Yarra River using nifty flying machines or simply superhero bravado at Moomba's ever-popular Birdman Rally.

Dating back to 1976, the Birdman Rally is a hilarious spectacle for a great cause. This year, 18 competitors will raise money for charities and compete for the grand prize.

Competitors enter the event under two categories: 'Fly' is for serious and technical flyers competing for distance rather than showmanship, while 'Flop' is all about fun, and judged on the creativity of the flying costume and supporting team.

Michael Paul has entered the Birdman Rally 17 times since his first leap in 1991. In 2020, he'll again raise funds for MS Australia in honour of his younger brother, who has been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

This year Michael aims to beat his personal best of 27.5 metres in his aluminium-framed craft, which has an eight metre wingspan.

Despite being a private pilot, and developing his craft over many years, Michael said nothing prepares you for Moomba.

'There are three parts to Birdman: building a craft that holds together, the all-important take-off and, once you're in the air, actually knowing how to fly,' said Michael.

'In all these years, I've only had perfect wind conditions on three occasions, but I'm addicted. The appeal lies in the age-old question: "can man fly?" It's a thrill to build something with your own hands and try to fly it.'

Birdman 2020 will be held on Sunday 8 March at Birrarung Marr, featuring a fun and colourful entertainment program on the banks of the Yarra.

Check out the full Moomba program when it is released in early February.

DID YOU KNOW

Moomba is Australia's largest free community festival, proudly owned and delivered by the City of Melbourne.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT melbourne.vic.gov.au/moomba

NEED TO MAKE A PAYMENT?

We no longer accept cash payments at the Customer Service Desk at Town Hall. Please speak to one of our Customer Relations representatives about alternative payment options, or refer to the instructions on your invoice.

SMART WATER SOLUTIONS

Look out for specially designed biofiltration systems, or raingardens, on city footpaths. These unassuming garden beds use plants and soil to capture, filter and clean stormwater. Find out more online.

urbanwater.melbourne.vic.gov.au

ANNUAL REPORT OUT NOW

Discover how we're helping make Melbourne bold, inspirational and sustainable in our latest Annual Report, the second progress report on our 2017-21 Council Plan.

melbourne.vic.gov.au/annualreport

THREE SMART CITY AWARDS

Thank you to the Smart Cities Council for honouring us with three awards late last year: the Leadership City award for our combination of technology and deep community engagement, the Digital City Services award for our Melbourne City DNA project, and the Social Impact award for our Open Innovation Competition.

CHANGES AT TOWN HALL

Halfix has moved to 208 Little Collins Street, making way for exciting new spaces being created at Town Hall in 2020. Our customer service area will be getting a revamp and it'll be even easier to get involved in events and discussions that affect our community. Watch this space.

SUMMER WELLBEING

Get a healthy start to 2020 at our recreation centres. Take your pick from boot camp, a six-week fitness challenge, swimming lessons, group classes, team sports, and more. There's something for all ages and abilities.

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of the Melbourne Town Hall administration building.

FEBRUARY

Future Melbourne Committee	Tuesday 4 February	5.30pm
Future Melbourne Committee	Tuesday 18 February	5.30pm
Council	Tuesday 25 February	5.30pm

MARCH

Future Melbourne Committee	Tuesday 3 March	5.30pm
Future Melbourne Committee	Tuesday 17 March	5.30pm
Council	Tuesday 31 March	5.30pm

PRIDE AND PURPOSE

Melbourne magazine celebrates our world-leading city – the energy and aspirations that make the City of Melbourne unique.

You may have noticed that we express these aspirations using words like ‘City of Wellbeing’ and ‘City of Culture’.

These six key strengths inspire us to work towards being an even more bold and sustainable city that supports everyone who lives, works, invests, learns and plays here.

We invite you to share your stories about why you are proud of our city through social media, email or phone. Our contact details are below.



CITY OF PROGRESS

We are building a better city for now and the future.



CITY OF SUSTAINABILITY

We champion action on climate change and waste.



CITY OF ENTERPRISE

We support innovation and contribute to a thriving business culture.



CITY OF WELLBEING

We are creating a healthy and inclusive community for all.

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We celebrate diversity and creativity.



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